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### **THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS**

### **“LESS SAFE, LESS FREE: WHY WE ARE LOSING THE WAR ON TERROR”**

**San Diego, CA...** Constitutional law scholar and award-winning speaker David Cole will discuss "Less Safe, Less Free: Why We are Losing the War on Terror" on Tuesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. at the Lyceum Theater, located at 79 Horton Plaza in downtown San Diego.

Sponsored by the City of San Diego Public Library, in partnership with the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties and the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, this event is FREE to the public. The Lyceum will validate parking at Horton Plaza for up to four hours.

Cole has been called "one of the country's great legal voices for civil liberties today." He is a prolific speaker and writer on issues of civil liberties. His book "Enemy Aliens: Double Standards and Constitutional Freedoms in the War on Terrorism," was recipient of the American Book Award, and Cole himself has received many awards for his human rights advocacy.

Cole will argue that in the name of preventing another terrorist attack, the United States government since 9/11 has adopted a new “paradigm of prevention,” in which the United States uses harshly coercive measures not to hold people or nations responsible for proven bad acts, but to prevent terrorist conduct that we fear might occur in the future. Indefinite detentions without trial, disappearances into secret CIA prisons, warrantless wiretapping of Americans, coercive interrogation and torture, and even war itself have been defended as justified “preventive” measures.

In his speech, Cole will examine the Bush administration’s record in the “war on terror” and argue that the administration’s initiatives have made us both less free and less safe. They have sacrificed basic commitments to the rule of law and have made us more vulnerable to future terrorist attacks.

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